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For : INTERNATIONAL ORIGIN DEPENDENT CUSTOMIZED ROUTING OF
CALLS TO TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0054587 to BAKER et al., which was published on May 9, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 5,958,016 to CHANG et al., which issued on September 28, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,104,799 to JAIN et al., which issued on August 15, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,161,128 to SMYK, which issued on December 12, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,445,694 to SWARTZ, which issued on September 3, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,463,145 to O'NEAL et al., which issued on October 8, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,529,596 to ASPREY et al., which issued on March 4, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,333,185 to BURKE et al., which issued on July 26, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,550,909 to CHANDA et al., which issued on August 27, 1996;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,892,822 to GOTTLIEB et al., which issued on April 6, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,574,661 to DELANO et al., which issued on June 2, 2003;

International Publication No. WO 99/16230, which was published on April 1, 1999; and

International Publication No. WO 99/20058, which was published on April 22, 1999.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following materials downloaded from the Internet:

“Teleglobe International Toll Free Services,” www.teleglobe.com (December 2002); and

“Sprint Wholesale Toll-Free Services,” http://www.sprintbiz.com/wholesale/products/toll_free_services.pdf (January 2001).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No.10/423,004 to ALLEN et al., entitled “Toll-Free Number Blocking Override Indicator,” on April 25, 2003.

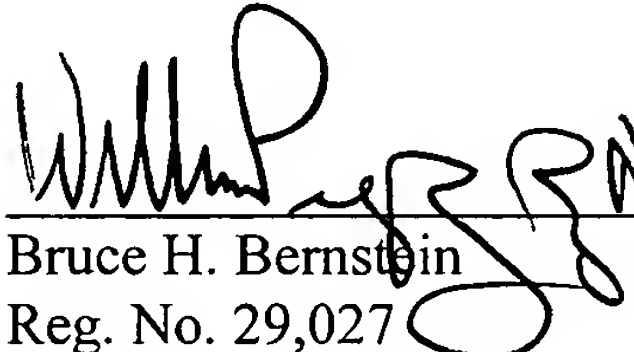
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S.

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patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)													
		1	"Telelobe International Toll Free Services," www.telelobe.com (December 2002)										
		2	"Sprint Wholesale Toll-Free Services," <http://www.sprintbiz.com/wholesale/products/toll_free_services.pdf>(January 2001)										
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